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ABSTRACT

In order to investigate patterns of persistence in courses taken by day students at Los Angeles City College, class enrollment data were gathered at the end of the third week of the Fall 1978 semester, at the first and second census weeks, and on the last day of the semester. Additionally, the number of students receiving final grades other than W (withdrawal from class) was determined. Persistence rates were calculated as a percentage of third week enrollment. The study revealed an overall persistence rate of 61.3%, or conversely, that 38.7% of the students enrolled in day classes failed to complete the class with a grade other than W. Individual class dropout rate ranged from 0 to over 80%. The persistence rate of 61.3% is significantly below the Fall 1971 figure of 69.9%. Of 32 departments, 28 showed a lower persistence rate in 1978 than in 1971. Highest rates of persistence generally were experienced in two-year occupational subject fields, especially those related to health. The study report presents persistence rates for all courses alphabetically, then by combining courses into 90 subject fields and 32 departments. In addition, final persistence rates were rank ordered by department and compared with Fall 1971 data. (DR)

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PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

To investigate current patterns of persistence in courses taken by day students and to compare with past data.

PROCEDURE OF THE STUDY

Fall, 1978 day classes were used in this study. Data were supplied by the District Data Center and the Office of Instruction.

Data from the Data Center included class enrollment figures at the end of the third week, at the 1st census week, at the 2nd census week, the last day of the semester, and number of students receiving final grades other than W.

Persistence rates were then calculated for all courses, and combined into subject fields and departments as listed in the college catalog.

Comparison rates for Fall, 1971 are taken from Research Study #73-8.

FINDINGS

Table 1 lists persistence rates for all Fall, 1978 day courses, in alphabetical order. Rates are given as percent of the third week enrollment.

Table 2 combines the courses into subject fields (90) and departments (32), and Table 3 lists the final persistence rates in rank order for departments. Included in Table 3 is a comparative ranking for Fall 1971.

TABLE 1 - LACC Persistence Rates for Day
Classes, by Course, Fall, 1978

PERSISTENCE RATE (%)								
Dept.	Course	No. of Sections	Enroll. 3rd Week	3 rd Week	1 st Census	2 nd Census Week	20th Week	Received Gr. other than W
Accounting	1	5	189	100.0	103.2	79.9	49.2	40.2
	2	3	72	100.0	126.4	79.2	69.4	56.9
	17	1	39	100.0	97.4	76.9	66.7	41.0
	21	2	80	100.0	100.0	91.3	68.8	65.0
	22	1	19	100.0	100.0	84.2	63.2	52.6
	31	3	132	100.0	100.0	96.2	61.4	52.3
	37	2	85	100.0	98.8	82.4	70.6	70.6
	41	2	78	100.0	101.3	92.3	67.9	65.4
	42	1	20	100.0	80.0	60.0	60.0	50.0
Total		20	714	100.0	103.4	85.7	61.9	53.9
Administra- tion of Justice	1	2	65	100.0	113.8	100.0	64.6	60.0
	2	1	57	100.0	93.0	84.2	75.4	73.7
	3	1	34	100.0	91.2	79.4	76.5	73.5
	4	1	22	100.0	92.0	72.0	68.0	68.0
	5	1	25	100.0	92.0	72.0	68.0	68.0
	6	1	39	100.0	92.3	82.1	76.9	74.4
	7	1	36	100.0	102.8	80.6	80.6	77.8
	8	1	26	100.0	92.3	84.6	69.2	53.8
	56	1	12	100.0	108.3	100.0	91.7	75.0
	63	1	48	100.0	95.9	81.3	72.9	70.8
	67	1	29	100.0	103.4	100.0	82.8	75.9
	73	1	20	100.0	80.0	100.0	100.0	60.0
Total		13	413	100.0	98.8	87.7	75.1	69.0
Afro-American Studies	2	2	50	100.0	88.0	72.0	58.0	40.0
	3	1	24	100.0	91.7	95.8	83.3	75.0
	4	5	250	100.0	93.6	81.2	66.8	42.8
	5	5	178	100.0	97.2	82.0	71.3	46.6
	20	3	119	100.0	95.8	71.4	55.5	46.2
	21	1	31	100.0	90.3	74.2	64.5	61.3
Total		17	652	100.0	94.3	79.1	65.8	46.3
Anatomy	1	8	252	100.0	101.2	82.9	63.1	53.6
Total		8	252	100.0	101.2	82.9	63.1	53.6
Anthropology	1	7	233	100.0	99.1	96.6	87.1	60.1
	2	6	136	100.0	104.4	87.5	73.5	62.5
	39	1	12	100.0	141.7	83.3	58.3	58.3
Total		14	381	100.0	102.4	92.9	81.4	60.9

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Dept.	Course	No. of Sections	Enroll. 3rd Week	3rd Week	PERSISTENCE RATE (%)			
					1st Census	2nd Census Week	20th Week	Received Gr. other than W
Architecture	1	1	56	100.0	100.0	80.4	71.4	67.9
	2	1	55	100.0	98.2	96.4	76.4	74.5
	4	1	39	100.0	100.0	84.6	86.7	71.8
	5	2	55	100.0	101.8	87.3	67.3	69.1
	6	1	13	100.0	115.4	92.3	69.2	69.2
	7	1	7	100.0	100.0	71.4	71.4	71.4
	10	1	27	100.0	103.7	96.3	81.5	77.8
	16	1	19	100.0	89.5	73.7	57.9	57.9
	20	1	31	100.0	106.5	83.9	71.0	71.0
	21	1	13	100.0	84.6	100.0	161.5	84.6
	33	1	22	100.0	100.0	100.0	81.8	81.8
Total		12	337	100.0	100.3	88.1	75.1	71.8
Art	1	1	53	100.0	90.6	69.8	56.6	50.9
	2	1	23	100.0	91.3	78.3	65.2	60.9
	3	1	62	100.0	96.8	80.6	67.7	56.5
	5	1	34	100.0	94.1	85.3	132.4	50.0
	10	1	31	100.0	96.8	74.2	67.7	58.1
	11	1	152	100.0	98.0	80.3	66.4	59.2
	12	1	27	100.0	100.0	77.8	59.3	37.0
	13	1	18	100.0	105.6	100.0	77.8	77.8
	20	5	165	100.0	100.0	74.5	63.0	55.8
	21	1	18	100.0	94.4	61.1	50.0	44.4
	22	1	22	100.0	113.6	95.5	86.4	77.3
	23	1	29	100.0	96.6	62.1	58.6	44.8
	24	2	34	100.0	97.1	88.2	82.4	76.5
	26	2	13	100.0	130.8	84.6	84.6	69.2
	27	1	10	100.0	90.0	70.0	80.0	70.0
	28	1	5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	29	1	6	100.0	83.3	100.0	100.0	66.7
	30	1	22	100.0	100.0	68.2	54.5	54.5
	37	1	10	100.0	130.0	90.0	70.0	70.0
	38	1	8	100.0	112.5	87.5	62.5	62.5
	40	1	42	100.0	100.0	73.8	50.0	50.0
	42	1	13	100.0	100.0	69.2	46.2	46.2
	43	1	4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	44	1	2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	49	1	15	100.0	100.0	80.0	66.7	53.3
	52	3	32	100.0	103.1	87.5	78.1	56.3
	53	3	26	100.0	96.2	88.5	84.6	65.4
	58	1	15	100.0	93.3	73.3	86.7	86.7
	59	1	1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	78	1	21	100.0	95.2	71.4	47.6	47.6
Total		44	913	100.0	98.9	78.5	68.9	58.1

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Dept.	Course	No. of Sections	Enroll. 3rd Week	PERSISTENCE RATE (%)				
				3rd Week	1st Census	2nd Census Week	20th Week	Received Gr. other than W
Asian Studies	1	1	26	100.0	100.0	88.5	80.8	80.8
Total		1	26	100.0	100.0	88.5	80.8	80.8
Astronomy	1	3	126	100.0	100.8	87.3	75.4	61.9
	30	1	2	100.0	150.0	150.0	.0	.0
Total		4	128	100.0	101.6	88.3	74.2	60.9
Biology	1	5	134	100.0	102.2	91.8	79.1	67.9
	3	2	65	100.0	96.9	93.8	84.6	80.0
	6	3	72	100.0	97.2	73.6	50.0	50.0
	11	1	17	100.0	82.4	88.2	88.2	70.6
	23	3	110	100.0	94.5	86.4	72.7	63.6
	25	2	69	100.0	110.1	88.4	68.1	55.1
Total		16	467	100.0	99.4	87.4	72.6	64.0
Broadcasting	1	1	124	100.0	98.4	81.5	63.7	62.9
	4	1	33	100.0	93.9	84.8	75.8	72.7
	7	1	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	80.0
	9	2	73	100.0	90.4	97.3	97.3	64.4
	10	1	16	100.0	112.5	93.8	37.5	43.8
	12	1	9	100.0	100.0	100.0	88.9	88.9
	13	1	7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	14	1	6	100.0	100.0	100.0	50.0	50.0
	20	1	11	100.0	100.0	100.0	72.7	72.7
Total		10	294	100.0	96.9	89.5	75.5	66.0
Business	1	8	323	100.0	102.8	90.1	76.8	58.2
	10	1	42	100.0	100.0	81.0	73.8	52.4
	15	1	43	100.0	100.0	86.0	60.5	53.5
	38	5	182	100.0	99.5	75.8	55.5	43.4
Total		15	590	100.0	101.4	84.7	68.5	52.9
Business Data	1	4	152	100.0	105.9	92.1	77.0	54.6
Processing	2	1	33	100.0	124.2	93.9	84.8	48.5
	21	1	38	100.0	97.4	86.8	52.6	34.2
	22	2	28	100.0	192.9	67.9	125.0	39.3
	23	1	19	100.0	100.0	63.2	63.2	47.4
	26	1	33	100.0	103.0	84.8	51.5	42.4
	27	1	16	100.0	112.5	93.8	50.0	50.0
	29	1	22	100.0	104.5	81.8	40.9	36.4
	31	1	21	100.0	104.8	90.5	81.0	47.6
Total		13	362	100.0	113.0	87.0	72.7	47.5

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Dept.	Course	No. of Sections	Enroll. 3rd Week	3 rd Week	1 st Census	2 nd Census Week	20th Week	Received Gr. other than W
Chemistry	1	4	129	100.0	96.1	83.7	89.9	60.5
	2	2	38	100.0	100.0	97.4	78.9	63.2
	3	1	23	100.0	95.7	69.6	13.0	26.1
	11	9	264	100.0	97.7	85.2	64.4	49.2
	14	1	16	100.0	87.5	68.8	56.3	56.3
	21	2	39	100.0	100.0	84.6	64.1	38.5
	30	5	106	100.0	88.7	71.7	65.1	44.3
Total		24	615	100.0	95.8	82.3	68.6	50.2
Chicano Studies	7	2	64	100.0	96.9	78.1	54.7	51.6
	8	1	44	100.0	88.6	84.1	61.4	56.8
	19	1	25	100.0	96.0	80.0	60.0	44.0
	42	1	22	100.0	113.6	81.8	77.3	54.5
	44	1	27	100.0	92.6	92.6	88.9	40.7
Total		6	182	100.0	96.2	82.4	64.8	50.5
Child Development	1	8	440	100.0	98.6	80.9	73.4	63.4
	2	1	44	100.0	95.5	81.8	72.7	72.7
	3	1	45	100.0	104.4	95.6	80.0	75.6
	4	1	32	100.0	96.9	93.8	81.3	78.1
	11	1	34	100.0	102.9	91.2	82.4	67.6
	22	1	12	100.0	108.3	83.3	83.3	91.7
Total		13	607	100.0	99.2	83.4	75.0	66.6
Chinese	1	2	57	100.0	98.2	86.0	70.2	70.2
Total		2	57	100.0	98.2	86.0	70.2	70.2
Cinema	1	1	65	100.0	136.9	72.3	49.2	30.8
	2	3	78	100.0	102.6	71.8	53.8	33.3
	3	1	63	100.0	106.3	81.0	69.8	50.8
	4	1	48	100.0	108.3	91.7	70.8	54.2
	5	1	30	100.0	106.7	96.7	73.3	56.7
	6	1	17	100.0	111.8	94.1	94.1	76.5
	9	1	25	100.0	92.0	100.0	96.0	92.0
	10	1	25	100.0	108.0	84.0	84.0	48.0
	11	1	21	100.0	119.0	95.2	95.2	47.6
	13	1	22	100.0	86.4	86.4	86.4	86.4
	15	1	13	100.0	107.7	100.0	100.0	15.4
Total		13	407	100.0	109.8	83.8	70.5	49.1

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			PERSISTENCE RATE (%)					
Dept.	Course	No. of Sections	Enroll. 3rd Week	3 rd Week	1 st Census	2 nd Census Week	20th Week	Received Gr. other than W
Computer Technology	1	2	81	100.0	95.1	97.5	49.4	60.5
	12	2	69	100.0	97.1	85.5	78.3	69.6
	20	2	39	100.0	94.9	94.9	92.3	76.9
	22	1	26	100.0	96.2	100.0	96.2	92.3
	26	1	28	100.0	100.0	92.9	89.3	78.6
	36	1	30	100.0	100.0	93.3	90.0	86.7
Total		9	273	100.0	96.7	93.4	75.8	72.9
Consumer Studies	1	1	9	100.0	111.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total		1	9	100.0	111.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cooperative Education	191	1	1	100.0	100.0	.0	.0	.0
	291	1	11	100.0	390.0	372.7	72.7	63.6
	292	1	2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	50.0
	295	1	1	100.0	100.0	.0	.0	.0
	391	1	35	100.0	88.6	68.6	51.4	42.9
	392	1	5	100.0	100.0	100.0	80.0	40.0
	395	1	49	100.0	91.8	57.1	34.7	28.6
	396	1	4	100.0	75.0	75.0	50.0	50.0
	491	1	223	100.0	93.7	73.1	47.5	37.2
	492	1	44	100.0	93.2	84.1	75.0	50.0
	493	1	13	100.0	92.3	84.6	84.6	69.2
	494	1	2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total		12	390	100.0	101.3	81.0	52.1	40.3
Dental Assisting	1	1	26	100.0	103.8	73.1	73.1	61.5
	4	1	28	100.0	100.0	89.3	78.6	64.3
	11	1	37	100.0	97.3	94.6	89.2	83.8
	20	1	37	100.0	97.3	94.6	86.5	83.8
	22	3	19	100.0	226.3	89.5	89.5	89.5
	23	3	53	100.0	75.5	124.5	83.0	83.0
	24	3	39	100.0	.0	97.4	84.6	79.5
	40	3	38	100.0	121.1	105.3	81.6	81.6
Total		16	277	100.0	92.4	99.3	83.4	79.1
Dental Technology	1	1	45	100.0	95.6	95.6	75.6	57.8
	4	1	39	100.0	100.0	97.4	82.1	71.8
	6	1	25	100.0	92.0	100.0	96.0	96.0
	7	1	24	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	8	1	17	100.0	94.1	94.1	88.2	88.2
	10	1	25	100.0	96.0	100.0	96.0	96.0
	12	1	25	100.0	96.0	100.0	96.0	96.0
	13	1	24	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Dental	15	1	24	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Technology	16	1	17	100.0	94.1	94.1	88.2	88.2
(Continued)	17	1	25	100.0	84.0	100.0	96.0	96.0
	18	1	24	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	19	1	17	100.0	94.1	94.1	88.2	88.2
	20	1	15	100.0	100.0	100.0	93.3	93.3
	21	1	16	100.0	93.8	93.8	87.5	87.5
	24	1	17	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	88.2
	30	1	16	100.0	100.0	100.0	93.8	93.8
Total		17	395	100.0	96.5	98.2	91.9	88.4
Developmental	20	6	236	100.0	101.3	89.4	83.1	69.9
Communications	21	8	189	100.0	87.3	90.5	75.1	61.4
	22	8	341	100.0	98.5	97.1	86.5	64.2
	23	12	370	100.0	91.4	91.4	85.9	65.9
	24	1	8	100.0	75.0	87.5	62.5	75.0
Total		35	1144	100.0	94.8	92.5	83.6	65.6
Earth	1	1	37	100.0	129.7	118.9	70.3	59.5
Science								
Total		1	37	100.0	129.7	118.9	70.3	59.5
Economics	1	7	258	100.0	102.3	83.3	71.7	51.9
	2	1	23	100.0	95.7	82.6	69.6	52.2
Total		8	281	100.0	101.8	83.3	71.5	52.0
Special	27	1	18	100.0	72.2	100.0	94.4	83.3
Education	28	3	34	100.0	79.4	91.2	76.5	67.6
Total		4	52	100.0	76.9	94.2	82.7	73.1
Electronics	4	6	173	100.0	94.2	83.8	63.6	52.6
	6	2	49	100.0	100.0	95.9	91.8	65.3
	8	1	43	100.0	97.7	81.4	74.4	67.4
	11	3	140	100.0	94.3	83.6	65.7	60.7
	13	1	45	100.0	97.8	91.1	88.9	75.6
	20	1	37	100.0	97.3	97.3	91.9	81.1
	22	2	25	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	96.0
Total		16	512	100.0	95.9	87.1	73.8	63.5
Engineering	1	1	74	100.0	93.2	85.1	86.5	74.3
General	2	1	13	100.0	92.3	84.6	53.8	61.5
	3	1	3	100.0	100.0	66.7	66.7	66.7
	5	1	22	100.0	95.5	86.4	72.7	72.7
	18	1	24	100.0	95.8	83.3	54.2	37.5

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Engineering	32	1	17	100.0	105.9	82.4	70.6	64.7
General	33	1	3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	66.7
(Continued)	52	1	20	100.0	100.0	80.0	75.0	65.0
Total		8	176	100.0	96.0	84.1	75.0	65.9
Engineering	1	1	23	100.0	100.0	87.0	73.9	56.5
Mechanical								
Total		1	23	100.0	100.0	87.0	73.9	56.5
English	1	18	618	100.0	101.1	84.3	69.7	47.9
	2	5	96	100.0	102.1	72.9	45.8	45.8
	3	1	32	100.0	100.0	87.5	87.5	40.6
	5	1	14	100.0	78.6	85.7	57.1	57.1
	12	1	15	100.0	113.3	93.3	60.0	46.7
	13	1	19	100.0	84.2	68.4	52.6	52.6
	15	1	21	100.0	95.2	81.0	52.4	47.6
	21	2	82	100.0	93.9	91.5	80.5	25.6
	23	3	77	100.0	132.5	77.9	62.3	44.2
	27	1	15	100.0	173.3	66.7	33.3	26.7
	44	6	237	100.0	105.1	86.1	73.4	54.9
	45	4	159	100.0	92.5	89.3	75.5	62.9
	47A2	2	43	100.0	86.0	93.0	88.4	93.0
	47B2	2	18	100.0	16.7	72.2	94.4	100.0
	47C2	2	20	100.0	10.0	60.0	90.0	95.0
	61	1	33	100.0	97.0	81.8	112.1	51.5
	62	2	51	100.0	107.8	92.2	288.2	58.8
	64	13	402	100.0	98.3	88.6	38.8	57.5
	65	2	47	100.0	97.9	87.2	66.0	46.8
	66	1	13	100.0	100.0	61.5	61.5	38.5
	67	21	465	100.0	85.6	91.4	77.6	66.7
	68	20	499	100.0	83.4	89.2	81.8	72.9
Total		110	2976	100.0	94.7	86.7	73.1	58.2
Environmental	1	2	52	100.0	128.8	88.5	71.2	57.7
Studies	2	1	21	100.0	100.0	100.0	47.6	47.6
	8	1	26	100.0	111.5	92.3	80.8	42.3
Total		4	99	100.0	118.2	91.9	68.7	51.5
Family and	2	1	26	100.0	111.5	88.5	69.2	65.4
Consumer	10	1	21	100.0	104.8	95.2	71.4	52.4
Studies	13	1	27	100.0	96.3	70.4	66.7	55.6
	15	1	23	100.0	95.7	91.3	82.6	69.6
	20	3	160	100.0	100.0	89.4	78.1	69.4
	21	2	77	100.0	98.7	94.8	90.9	50.6

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PERSISTENCE RATE (%)								
Dept.	Course	No. of Sections	Enroll. 3rd Week	3rd Week	1st Census	2nd Census Week	20th Week	Received Gr. other than W
Family and Consumer Studies (Continued)	24	1	25	100.0	96.0	80.0	72.0	72.0
	26	1	23	100.0	104.3	95.7	65.2	47.8
	27	1	13	100.0	100.0	92.3	100.0	69.2
	31	2	116	100.0	101.7	88.8	70.7	66.4
	50	1	34	100.0	97.1	76.5	70.6	70.6
	52	1	15	100.0	100.0	86.7	86.7	73.3
	55	1	32	100.0	106.3	81.3	62.5	59.4
	56	1	22	100.0	109.1	81.8	68.2	63.6
	81	2	22	100.0	95.5	77.3	63.6	68.2
	82	2	25	100.0	92.0	88.0	68.0	36.0
	83	2	26	100.0	32.3	92.3	88.5	84.6
Total		24	687	100.0	100.1	87.6	75.5	53.8
Finance	8	1	32	100.0	100.0	100.0	103.1	43.8
Total		1	32	100.0	100.0	100.0	103.1	43.8
French	1	3	96	100.0	101.0	68.8	57.3	47.9
	2	1	20	100.0	105.0	80.0	75.0	70.0
	3	1	7	100.0	114.3	85.7	42.9	42.9
	4	1	3	100.0	100.0	66.7	66.7	66.7
	21	3	79	100.0	103.8	75.9	65.8	55.7
	22	1	11	100.0	105.1	72.7	72.7	72.7
Total		10	216	100.0	103.2	73.1	62.5	54.2
Geography	1	7	200	100.0	101.0	87.0	66.5	53.0
	2	1	21	100.0	95.2	90.5	90.5	90.5
	3	1	3	100.0	100.0	66.7	33.3	33.3
Total		9	224	100.0	100.4	87.1	68.3	56.3
Geology	1	2	54	100.0	105.6	87.0	72.2	57.4
	2	1	15	100.0	106.7	86.7	73.3	66.7
	11	1	12	100.0	100.0	100.0	83.3	66.7
Total		4	81	100.0	104.9	98.9	74.1	60.5
German	1	1	45	100.0	95.6	77.8	60.0	55.6
	2	1	7	100.0	100.0	85.7	85.7	85.7
	3	1	4	100.0	125.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	4	1	4	100.0	100.0	75.0	50.0	50.0
Total		4	60	100.0	98.3	80.0	65.0	61.7
Graphic Arts	1	1	22	100.0	100.0	81.8	63.6	59.1
Total		1	22	100.0	100.0	81.8	63.6	59.1

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Dept.	Course	No. of Sections	Enroll. 3rd Week	PERSISTENCE RATE (%)				
				3 rd Week	1 st Census	2 nd Census Week	20th Week	Received Gr. other than W
Health	10	17	752	100.0	95.5	80.5	76.9	65.3
	11	5	147	100.0	119.0	86.4	66.0	68.7
	12	3	70	100.0	84.3	75.7	67.1	58.6
	21	1	37	100.0	102.7	94.6	94.6	75.7
Total		26	1006	100.0	98.4	81.5	75.2	65.7
Allied	1	1	23	100.0	126.1	87.0	52.2	34.8
Health	2	5	141	100.0	95.0	80.9	68.1	58.9
Total		6	164	100.0	99.4	81.7	65.9	55.5
Hebrew	1	1	18	100.0	100.0	77.8	72.2	55.6
	8	1	7	100.0	100.0	85.7	85.7	57.1
	9	1	12	100.0	91.7	75.0	75.0	58.3
	11	1	10	100.0	100.0	90.0	80.0	70.0
Total		4	47	100.0	97.9	80.9	76.6	59.6
History	1	4	124	100.0	133.1	91.9	50.8	44.4
	2	1	24	100.0	116.7	95.8	66.7	70.8
	5	3	117	100.0	100.0	87.2	82.1	74.4
	6	2	57	100.0	110.5	93.0	87.7	70.2
	11	15	460	100.0	104.8	76.7	58.5	48.0
	12	8	172	100.0	102.9	94.2	86.6	74.4
	13	14	137	100.0	98.5	91.2	78.1	68.6
Total		47	1091	100.0	107.0	85.4	68.7	58.8
Humanities	6	1	14	100.0	121.4	85.7	85.7	85.7
	8	1	25	100.0	104.0	68.0	56.0	52.0
	19	1	27	100.0	92.6	88.9	85.2	55.6
	20	1	15	100.0	100.0	93.3	33.3	20.0
	21	1	28	100.0	100.0	75.0	71.4	50.0
	31	1	35	100.0	88.6	62.9	40.0	31.4
	60	1	26	100.0	96.2	80.8	73.1	73.1
	61	1	32	100.0	100.0	87.5	81.3	71.9
Total		8	202	100.0	98.5	78.7	65.8	54.5
Industrial	3	1	21	100.0	100.0	90.5	47.6	52.4
Arts	6	1	13	100.0	84.6	69.2	76.9	69.2
	11	1	7	100.0	114.3	85.7	71.4	71.4
Total		3	41	100.0	97.6	82.9	61.0	61.0
Italian	1	1	27	100.0	100.0	92.6	55.6	48.1
	2	1	9	100.0	100.0	88.9	66.7	55.6
	3	1	3	100.0	100.0	66.7	33.3	33.3
	4	1	4	100.0	100.0	75.0	75.0	75.0
Total		4	43	100.0	100.0	88.4	58.1	51.2

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PERSISTENCE RATE (%)								
Dept.	Course	No. of Sections	Enrol'. 3rd Week	3 rd Week	1 st Census	2 nd Census Week	20th Week	Received Gr. other W
Japanese	1	2	68	100.0	95.6	73.5	66.2	47.1
	3	1	5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	4	1	1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Total	4	74	100.0	95.9	75.7	68.9	51.4
Journalism	1	2	112	100.0	96.4	76.8	66.1	48.2
	2	1	12	100.0	83.3	75.0	75.0	66.7
	5	1	38	100.0	86.8	84.2	71.1	57.9
	6	1	30	100.0	90.0	80.0	66.7	46.7
	16	1	11	100.0	100.0	100.0	90.9	45.5
	17	1	24	100.0	95.8	75.0	75.0	70.8
	18	1	24	100.0	91.7	75.0	75.0	75.0
	19	1	6	100.0	66.7	66.7	66.7	100.0
	Total	9	257	100.0	92.6	78.6	70.0	56.0
Latin	1	1	35	100.0	97.1	54.3	42.9	25.7
	2	1	3	100.0	100.0	66.7	66.7	66.7
Total		2	38	100.0	97.4	55.3	44.7	28.9
Law	1	11	383	100.0	98.7	77.5	63.7	54.0
	2	3	62	100.0	93.5	85.5	71.0	66.1
	3	2	72	100.0	97.2	86.1	72.2	56.9
	10	2	48	100.0	97.9	83.3	56.3	33.3
	11	1	8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	12	1	15	100.0	100.0	93.3	73.3	46.7
	13	1	31	100.0	100.0	87.1	80.6	64.5
	16	1	22	100.0	100.0	100.0	81.8	63.6
	17	1	12	100.0	100.0	100.0	66.7	33.3
	20	1	8	100.0	87.5	87.5	75.0	62.5
	Total	24	661	100.0	98.0	82.0	67.0	54.9
Learning Skills	1A	3	139	100.0	44.6	66.2	96.4	97.8
	1B	2	42	100.0	28.6	71.4	90.5	100.0
	1C	2	37	100.0	28.6	71.4	91.9	97.3
	2A	3	39	100.0	69.2	87.2	102.6	94.9
	2B	2	3	100.0	66.7	100.0	133.3	100.0
	2C	2	2	100.0	100.0	100.0	150.0	100.0
	3	1	54	100.0	53.7	75.9	92.6	96.3
	4	1	34	100.0	64.7	73.5	94.1	94.1
	10A	1	159	100.0	47.8	79.9	91.8	95.6
	10B	1	52	100.0	7.7	48.1	86.5	100.0
	10C	1	45	100.0	8.9	48.9	82.2	100.0
	11A	1	22	100.0	45.5	77.3	86.4	95.5
	11B	1	8	100.0	25.0	37.5	75.0	87.5

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Dept.	Course	No. of Sections	Enroll. 3rd Week	3 rd Week	PERSISTENCE RATE (%)			
					1 st Census	2 nd Census Week	20th Week	Received Gr. other than W
Learning Skills (Continued)	11C	1	5	100.0	20.0	40.0	80.0	100.0
	11D	1	2	100.0	.0	50.0	100.0	100.0
	11E	1	1	100.0	.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	20	1	24	100.0	58.3	79.2	87.5	95.8
Total		25	668	100.0	41.3	70.4	92.2	97.0
Library Media	15	1	92	100.0	35.9	78.3	93.5	98.9
Total		1	92	100.0	35.9	78.3	93.5	98.9
Management	2	2	57	100.0	101.8	89.5	80.7	49.1
	31	2	76	100.0	97.4	93.4	89.5	73.7
Total		4	133	100.0	99.2	91.7	85.7	63.2
Marketing	1	1	41	100.0	119.5	97.6	68.3	58.5
	11	1	27	100.0	100.0	88.9	74.1	66.7
	21	2	68	100.0	92.6	95.6	80.9	57.4
	34	1	5	100.0	80.0	60.0	80.0	20.0
Total		5	141	100.0	101.4	93.6	75.9	58.2
Mathematics	2	1	21	100.0	104.8	76.2	71.4	42.9
	3	5	157	100.0	101.9	82.8	72.0	56.1
	4	3	100	100.0	101.0	75.0	56.0	54.0
	7	6	161	100.0	98.1	85.7	62.7	55.3
	8	3	72	100.0	97.2	88.9	70.8	75.0
	11	2	37	100.0	100.0	91.9	86.5	75.7
	12	1	22	100.0	95.5	100.0	95.5	77.3
	13	1	29	100.0	96.6	75.9	69.0	69.0
	15	1	12	100.0	108.3	83.3	83.3	75.0
	17	2	59	100.0	100.0	81.4	71.2	69.5
	20	9	315	100.0	98.4	80.6	61.0	52.4
	23	3	85	100.0	98.8	84.7	63.5	50.6
	24	2	22	100.0	104.5	100.0	95.5	90.9
	27	2	6	100.0	83.3	83.3	83.3	33.3
	30	7	307	100.0	89.9	84.4	61.6	52.4
	31	14	576	100.0	97.7	78.0	59.5	42.9
	32	2	50	100.0	96.0	72.0	60.0	50.0
	35	1	16	100.0	87.5	93.8	68.8	37.5
	39	1	25	100.0	96.0	72.0	48.0	48.0
	44	2	42	100.0	95.2	85.7	76.2	66.7
	61	4	73	100.0	95.9	89.0	69.9	72.6
Total		72	2187	100.0	97.2	81.8	64.1	53.5

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Dept.	Course	No. of Sections	Enroll. 3rd Week	3 rd Week	1 st Census	2 nd Census Week	20th Week	Received Gr. other than W
Meteorology	3	1	18	100.0	105.6	66.7	50.0	44.4
Total		1	18	100.0	105.6	66.7	50.0	44.4
Microbiology	20	3	58	100.0	103.4	86.2	72.4	60.3
Total		3	58	100.0	103.4	86.2	72.4	60.3
Minerology	1	1	13	100.0	107.7	53.8	53.8	46.2
Total		1	13	100.0	107.7	53.8	53.8	46.2
Music	1	5	213	100.0	102.3	87.8	78.9	47.4
	2	4	105	100.0	99.0	70.5	64.8	57.1
	3	2	61	100.0	106.6	73.8	55.7	44.3
	4	1	20	100.0	115.0	75.0	50.0	45.0
	6	4	100	100.0	99.0	70.0	59.0	54.0
	7	2	57	100.0	108.8	71.9	63.2	59.6
	8	1	21	100.0	109.5	71.4	52.4	52.4
	11	1	34	100.0	114.7	88.2	58.8	47.1
	12	1	25	100.0	128.0	80.0	52.0	44.0
	14B4	1	9	100.0	100.0	55.6	44.4	55.6
	14C4	1	4	100.0	175.0	100.0	25.0	25.0
	17	1	12	100.0	150.0	58.3	41.7	41.7
	19	1	39	100.0	100.0	82.1	66.7	66.7
	23	1	41	100.0	109.8	85.4	85.4	46.3
	28	3	100	100.0	106.0	86.0	89.0	66.0
	30	1	18	100.0	100.0	86.7	44.4	44.4
	32	2	96	100.0	120.8	81.3	71.9	64.6
	40A	7	213	100.0	99.5	58.2	63.4	62.0
	40B	1	13	100.0	107.7	84.6	38.5	38.5
	40C	3	62	100.0	109.7	96.8	71.0	66.1
	41A	1	10	100.0	110.0	90.0	80.0	80.0
	41B	1	1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	.0
	41C	2	43	100.0	100.0	90.7	76.7	65.1
	41D	1	16	100.0	100.0	81.3	62.5	37.5
	55A2	2	117	100.0	114.5	87.2	63.2	60.7
	55B2	1	66	100.0	103.0	89.4	74.2	77.3
	55C2	1	24	100.0	95.8	70.8	58.3	54.2
	57	1	46	100.0	100.0	89.1	80.4	73.9
	59*2	1	21	100.0	95.2	81.0	76.2	76.2
	60A	14	450	100.0	103.8	66.9	49.1	41.3
	60B	4	82	100.0	132.9	107.3	73.2	59.8
	60C	2	57	100.0	108.8	75.4	59.6	57.9
	60D	1	15	100.0	86.7	80.0	80.0	80.0
	61	2	44	100.0	106.8	75.0	65.9	65.9
	62*2	1	16	100.0	112.5	81.3	81.3	50.0

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Dept.	Course	No. of Sections	Enroll. 3rd Week	3 rd Week	PERSISTENCE RATE (%)			
					1 st Census	2 nd Census	20th Week	Received Gr. other than W
Music (Continued)	70	2	52	100.0	125.0	73.1	55.8	46.2
	71	1	43	100.0	139.5	132.6	74.4	46.5
	72A	1	31	100.0	100.0	93.9	71.0	67.7
	72B	1	59	100.0	98.3	76.3	72.9	74.6
	72C	1	35	100.0	94.3	97.1	80.0	91.4
	73A	1	7	100.0	28.6	100.0	100.0	100.0
	73B	1	14	100.0	135.7	85.7	85.7	85.7
	75	1	13	100.0	153.8	69.2	69.2	53.8
	76*2	1	44	100.0	97.7	84.1	79.5	77.3
	77	1	32	100.0	103.1	87.5	78.1	71.9
	78	1	28	100.0	121.4	85.7	78.6	78.6
	79	1	18	100.0	105.6	100.0	88.9	66.7
	81*2	1	18	100.0	105.6	83.3	77.8	72.2
	83	1	12	100.0	100.0	91.7	75.0	58.3
	84A4	1	30	100.0	96.7	93.3	70.0	46.7
	89	2	349	100.0	106.3	91.4	80.8	44.1
	90	1	6	100.0	83.3	100.0	33.3	33.3
	185	3	32	100.0	100.0	96.9	59.4	34.4
Total		100	3074	100.0	106.7	80.8	66.9	55.2
Nuclear	3	1	17	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Medicine	5	1	17	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Technology	12	1	18	100.0	100.0	94.4	94.4	94.4
	81	1	10	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	90.0
Total		4	62	100.0	100.0	98.4	98.4	96.8
Nursing	2A3	3	29	100.0	.0	.0	96.6	86.2
	2B3	4	52	100.0	.0	19.2	76.9	80.8
	2C3	3	36	100.0	.0	.0	80.6	69.4
	2D4	5	59	100.0	.0	18.6	84.7	79.7
	2E3	5	52	100.0	36.5	36.5	94.2	86.5
	2F4	4	46	100.0	.0	43.5	89.1	87.0
	6A4	2	32	100.0	.0	.0	78.1	75.0
	6B3	4	53	100.0	43.4	.0	86.8	88.7
	6D3	4	48	100.0	.0	.0	93.8	89.6
	6E4	2	29	100.0	.0	37.9	72.4	79.3
	9A3	5	48	100.0	.0	.0	100.0	100.0
	9B3	5	48	100.0	95.8	.0	100.0	97.9
	11A3	6	60	100.0	13.3	16.7	95.0	66.7
	11B4	5	54	100.0	22.2	29.6	92.6	81.5
	11C3	6	60	100.0	16.7	21.7	96.7	83.3
	11D3	5	45	100.0	.0	.0	95.6	88.9
	11E4	6	62	100.0	16.1	30.6	91.9	93.5
	11F3	6	65	100.0	15.4	12.3	95.4	93.8

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PERSISTENCE RATE (%)								
Dept.	Course	No. of Sections	Enroll. 3rd Week	3 rd Week	1 st Census	2 nd Census Week	20th Week	Received Gr. other than w
Nursing (Continued)	12A4	4	27	100.0	.0	.0	92.6	96.3
	12B2	2	17	100.0	35.3	.0	100.0	94.1
	12C2	1	7	100.0	.0	.0	100.0	100.0
	12D3	1	12	100.0	.0	.0	100.0	100.0
	12E3	1	12	100.0	.0	83.3	83.3	100.0
	12F2	1	13	100.0	.0	.0	92.3	100.0
	17	1	24	100.0	100.0	95.8	70.8	54.2
Total		91	990	100.0	17.0	17.2	90.6	85.7
Occupational Therapy	1	1	30	100.0	96.7	90.0	83.3	73.3
	5	1	16	100.0	93.8	100.0	93.8	93.8
	10	1	22	100.0	95.5	95.5	90.9	90.9
	12	1	20	100.0	95.0	95.0	90.0	90.0
	14	1	36	100.0	97.2	94.4	77.8	72.2
	50	1	19	100.0	89.5	100.0	94.7	94.7
Total		6	88	100.0	103.4	89.8	82.5	46.6
Office Administration	1Y	8	414	100.0	86.5	69.8	67.9	33.3
	1Z	8	106	100.0	40.6	61.3	73.6	35.8
	2	5	152	100.0	97.4	84.2	71.1	63.2
	3	2	74	100.0	98.6	90.5	78.4	75.7
	4	1	30	100.0	103.3	100.0	86.7	86.7
	6	2	75	100.0	96.0	78.7	62.7	60.0
	7	1	24	100.0	100.0	79.2	70.8	70.8
	9	3	94	100.0	100.0	74.5	64.9	55.3
	10	3	93	100.0	115.1	84.9	65.6	34.4
	10A	1	10	100.0	10.0	10.0	.0	100.0
	10B	1	10	100.0	20.0	20.0	.0	100.0
	10C	1	10	100.0	10.0	10.0	.0	100.0
	10D	1	7	100.0	14.3	14.3	.0	100.0
	11	1	32	100.0	103.1	100.0	87.5	62.5
	12	1	15	100.0	93.3	93.3	93.3	80.0
	13	1	1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	18	1	24	100.0	108.3	95.8	91.7	79.2
	20	1	18	100.0	122.2	72.2	72.2	50.0
	23	1	19	100.0	100.0	94.7	94.7	94.7
	31	5	203	100.0	103.4	84.2	72.4	60.6
	32	1	24	100.0	104.2	87.5	79.2	75.0
	33	2	54	100.0	105.6	94.4	63.0	70.4
	34	5	158	100.0	107.6	82.3	70.9	62.0
	37	1	22	100.0	100.0	77.3	59.1	59.1
	39A	1	8	100.0	87.5	.0	100.0	62.5
	39A2	1	17	100.0	100.0	94.1	94.1	88.2
	39B2	1	17	100.0	92.7	77.9	70.0	55.5

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PERSISTENCE RATE (%)								
Dept.	Course	No. of Sections	Enroll. 3rd Week	3rd Week	1st Census	2nd Census Week	20th Week	Received Gr. other than W
Office Administration (Continued)	43	1	17	100.0	100.0	82.4	82.4	70.6
	44	1	36	100.0	88.9	86.1	77.8	72.2
	47	1	18	100.0	94.4	72.2	72.2	72.2
	64	1	22	100.0	100.0	77.3	59.1	59.1
Total		64	1804	100.0	92.7	77.9	70.0	55.5
Optics	1	1	24	100.0	100.0	91.7	91.7	75.0
	2	1	26	100.0	96.2	92.3	88.5	88.5
	6	1	24	100.0	100.0	100.0	95.8	95.8
	7	1	24	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	91.7
	11	2	22	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total		6	120	100.0	99.2	96.7	95.0	90.0
Personal Development	15A	1	12	100.0	108.3	66.7	66.7	66.7
Total		1	12	100.0	108.3	66.7	66.7	66.7
Philosophy	1	9	253	100.0	107.1	89.7	77.1	54.5
	2	1	13	100.0	115.4	84.6	153.8	61.5
	8	2	38	100.0	105.3	78.9	76.3	50.0
	9	1	15	100.0	106.7	86.7	73.3	60.0
	20	1	17	100.0	94.1	94.1	94.1	64.7
	21	1	28	100.0	117.9	100.0	100.0	75.0
	22	1	30	100.0	96.7	96.7	96.7	80.0
Total		16	394	100.0	106.6	89.8	83.2	58.4
Photography	1	1	253	100.0	107.1	89.7	77.1	54.5
	10	4	13	100.0	115.4	84.6	153.8	61.5
	20	1	38	100.0	105.3	78.9	76.3	50.0
	21	1	15	100.0	106.7	86.7	73.3	60.0
	41	1	17	100.0	94.1	94.1	94.1	64.7
	43	1	28	100.0	117.9	100.0	100.0	75.0
	50	2	30	100.0	96.7	96.7	96.7	80.0
Total		11	157	100.0	99.4	79.6	68.2	54.1
Physical Education	1	1	21	100.0	85.7	81.0	81.0	85.7
	2A	11	380	100.0	106.1	89.2	83.9	68.9
	2B	3	95	100.0	93.7	87.4	76.8	64.2
	2C	1	50	100.0	96.0	92.0	88.0	58.0
	3AA	1	19	100.0	126.3	84.2	68.4	52.6
	3B	6	140	100.0	98.6	82.9	64.3	60.7
	3C	11	255	100.0	101.6	91.4	87.1	81.2
	3D	26	930	100.0	100.4	93.8	78.1	54.2
	3DD	1	11	100.0	109.1	100.0	90.9	72.7

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Dept.	Course	No. of Sections	Enroll. 3rd Week	3 rd Week	PERSISTENCE RATE (%)			
					1 st Census	2 nd Census Week	20th Week	Received Gr. other than W
Physical Education (Continued)	3E	12	436	100.0	98.2	92.7	72.7	61.9
	3G	6	112	100.0	99.1	94.6	71.4	63.4
	3GG	5	93	100.0	103.2	86.0	81.7	60.2
	3H	6	85	100.0	109.4	90.6	87.1	71.8
	3J	2	69	100.0	94.2	73.9	47.8	34.8
	3N	23	556	100.0	94.4	142.3	130.0	64.2
	3NN	10	187	100.0	104.3	96.8	86.1	74.9
	3P	1	69	100.0	79.7	72.5	56.5	53.6
	3PP	3	206	100.0	97.1	90.8	66.5	56.3
	3S	2	54	100.0	98.1	85.2	70.4	68.5
	3V	5	138	100.0	100.7	93.5	73.2	73.9
	3X	5	168	100.0	96.4	100.6	89.9	71.4
	3Z	4	186	100.0	98.9	64.5	64.5	62.9
	4A	2	109	100.0	97.2	96.3	89.0	85.3
	4B	13	285	100.0	100.7	91.2	80.7	75.1
	4E	3	49	100.0	93.9	89.8	81.6	69.4
	4F	1	33	100.0	97.0	81.8	63.6	63.6
	4J	2	64	100.0	103.1	90.6	46.9	46.9
	4K	22	383	100.0	106.3	89.0	77.3	78.9
	5A	2	67	100.0	98.5	85.1	76.1	76.1
	5B	6	196	100.0	106.6	77.0	57.1	54.1
	5E	4	148	100.0	118.9	82.4	54.7	49.3
	5H	1	24	100.0	112.5	87.5	75.0	70.8
	5K	5	193	100.0	115.5	85.5	60.6	58.0
	5L	5	221	100.0	101.4	78.7	58.4	54.3
	7B	1	21	100.0	142.9	171.4	85.7	85.7
	7D	1	41	100.0	70.7	80.5	80.5	73.2
	7E	1	51	100.0	102.0	113.7	84.3	76.5
	10D	2	32	100.0	84.4	81.3	84.4	84.4
	13	1	34	100.0	94.1	58.8	58.8	32.4
	20	1	9	100.0	88.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
	22	1	6	100.0	100.0	83.3	66.7	66.7
	26	1	9	100.0	122.2	77.8	77.8	77.8
	30*4	1	19	100.0	100.0	84.2	73.7	47.4
	34	1	28	100.0	82.1	78.6	82.1	78.6
	37	1	35	100.0	80.0	91.4	80.0	60.0
	44	1	16	100.0	118.8	75.0	118.8	68.8
Total		219	6240	100.0	100.8	93.7	79.4	64.4
Physical Science	1	1	31	100.0	103.2	90.3	74.2	51.6
Total		1	31	100.0	103.2	90.3	74.2	51.6

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PERSISTENCE RATE (%)								
Dept.	Course	No. of Sections	Enroll. 3rd Week	3 rd Week	1 st Census	2 nd Census Week	20th Week	Received Gr. other than W
Physics	1	4	50	100.0	102.0	78.0	60.0	44.0
	2	1	34	100.0	91.2	70.6	47.1	50.0
	4	1	21	100.0	109.5	90.5	90.5	90.5
	6	1	20	100.0	90.0	75.0	60.0	55.0
	11	4	59	100.0	91.5	84.7	64.4	62.7
	12	2	43	100.0	100.0	83.3	79.2	66.7
	21	1	28	100.0	107.1	71.4	46.4	46.4
Total		14	260	100.0	98.1	79.6	63.8	58.1
Physiology	1	6	113	100.0	106.2	85.8	60.2	43.4
Total		6	113	100.0	106.2	85.8	60.2	43.4
Political	1	19	496	100.0	103.6	84.9	68.8	63.9
Science	2	1	33	100.0	97.0	84.8	97.0	66.7
	41	2	33	100.0	75.8	78.8	81.8	60.6
Total		22	562	100.0	101.6	84.5	71.2	63.9
Portuguese	1	1	20	100.0	115.0	65.0	100.0	55.0
Total		1	20	100.0	115.0	65.0	100.0	55.0
Psychology	1	28	1153	100.0	104.9	92.3	72.9	50.4
	2	7	221	100.0	102.7	95.0	71.5	63.3
	3	3	108	100.0	98.1	93.5	78.7	57.4
	4	1	23	100.0	100.0	100.0	69.6	56.5
	11	2	53	100.0	126.4	92.5	92.5	79.2
	12	1	37	100.0	100.0	100.0	83.8	67.6
	13	2	43	100.0	109.3	79.1	69.8	62.8
	14	2	64	100.0	101.6	93.8	87.5	89.1
	17	1	31	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	67.7
	20	5	153	100.0	94.1	96.7	82.4	49.7
	21	1	20	100.0	80.0	95.0	90.0	45.0
	28	1	18	100.0	111.1	105.6	72.2	77.8
	32	1	20	100.0	110.0	100.0	95.0	25.0
	33	1	22	100.0	113.6	81.8	81.8	54.5
	43	4	160	100.0	103.1	89.4	76.9	67.5
	44	2	50	100.0	102.0	86.0	80.0	68.0
	45	1	28	100.0	92.9	96.4	89.3	78.0
	51	1	28	100.0	100.0	82.1	64.3	60.7
	61	5	117	100.0	94.9	90.6	81.2	56.4
	62	4	32	100.0	93.8	78.1	65.6	68.8
	83	3	39	100.0	84.6	74.4	69.2	76.9
	385	1	13	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	38.5
Total		77	2433	100.0	102.6	92.1	76.1	57.0

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Dept.	Course	No. of Sections	Enroll. 3rd Week	PERSISTENCE RATE (%)				
				3rd Week	1st Census	2nd Census Week	20th Week	Received Gr. other than W
Public Relations	1	1	81	100.0	103.7	81.5	67.9	56.8
	2	1	16	100.0	106.3	87.5	56.3	50.0
	3	1	6	100.0	100.0	100.0	83.3	83.3
Total		3	103	100.0	103.9	83.5	67.0	57.3
Radiologic Technology	1	2	77	100.0	101.3	83.1	59.7	53.2
	2	2	22	100.0	122.7	95.5	72.7	72.7
	3	3	25	100.0	96.0	100.0	96.0	96.0
	5	1	25	100.0	96.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	7	2	25	100.0	104.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	10	1	25	100.0	104.0	96.0	100.0	100.0
	80	1	21	100.0	104.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total		12	220	100.0	103.2	93.2	82.7	80.5
Real Estate	1	3	40	100.0	157.5	87.5	75.0	75.0
	3	1	30	100.0	86.7	80.0	76.7	53.3
	5	1	39	100.0	94.9	89.7	84.6	48.7
Total		5	109	100.0	115.6	86.2	78.9	59.6
Recreation	81	1	6	100.0	100.0	83.3	83.3	83.3
	101	1	51	100.0	78.4	70.6	72.5	70.6
	102	1	12	100.0	108.3	91.7	66.7	58.3
	106	1	16	100.0	112.5	68.8	62.5	62.5
	121	1	20	100.0	110.0	85.0	70.0	50.0
Total		5	105	100.0	94.3	76.2	70.5	64.8
Russian	1	1	35	100.0	94.3	74.3	71.4	48.6
Total		1	35	100.0	94.3	74.3	71.4	48.6
Sociology	1	12	437	100.0	100.9	85.6	65.0	57.7
	2	2	30	100.0	123.3	90.0	80.0	63.3
	11	1	18	100.0	100.0	88.9	61.0	44.4
	12	1	32	100.0	100.0	81.3	78.1	68.8
Total		16	517	100.0	102.1	85.7	66.5	58.2
Spanish	1	5	169	100.0	97.6	62.1	44.4	41.4
	2	2	83	100.0	98.8	86.7	86.7	49.4
	3	1	45	100.0	91.1	85.7	73.3	68.9
	4	1	10	100.0	80.0	80.0	90.0	50.0
	9	1	9	100.0	111.1	38.9	88.9	55.6
	21	3	128	100.0	107.8	78.9	64.8	47.7
	22	1	29	100.0	110.3	93.1	82.8	65.5
Total		14	473	100.0	100.6	76.3	64.3	49.0

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PERSISTENCE RATE (%)								
Dept.	Course	No. of Sections	Enroll. 3rd Week	3 rd Week	1 st Census	2 nd Census Week	20th Week	Received Gr. other than W
Speech	1	19	564	100.0	98.2	78.7	68.4	53.9
	2	1	12	100.0	108.3	91.7	83.3	83.3
	3	13	397	100.0	98.0	77.1	65.7	57.2
	4	1	12	100.0	91.7	66.7	91.7	25.0
	5	1	20	100.0	90.0	75.0	45.0	40.0
	9	7	154	100.0	100.6	81.8	88.3	60.4
	13A	1	14	100.0	100.0	100.0	71.4	78.6
	15	1	9	100.0	133.3	77.8	66.7	55.6
	40	4	114	100.0	100.9	100.0	71.9	63.2
	41	3	7	100.0	171.4	142.9	71.4	71.4
Total		51	1303	100.0	99.2	81.0	70.3	56.6
Statistics	1	4	129	100.0	92.2	80.6	69.0	59.7
Total		4	129	100.0	92.2	80.6	69.0	59.7
Supervision	1	1	25	100.0	92.0	68.0	40.0	32.0
	12	1	2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total		2	27	100.0	92.6	70.4	44.4	37.0
Television	1	1	75	100.0	98.7	86.7	64.0	64.0
	4	2	81	100.0	93.8	82.7	60.5	60.5
	6	1	9	100.0	100.0	100.0	88.9	88.9
	7	1	13	100.0	100.0	92.3	84.6	76.9
	9	2	85	100.0	97.6	89.4	57.6	56.5
	46	1	17	100.0	105.9	70.6	70.6	70.6
	48	1	12	100.0	83.3	66.7	58.3	50.0
	49	1	6	100.0	100.0	83.3	83.3	83.3
	50	1	31	100.0	109.7	87.1	64.5	54.8
Total		11	329	100.0	98.2	85.4	63.5	61.7
Theatre	1	2	152	100.0	98.7	80.3	60.5	55.9
	2	1	162	100.0	95.7	82.7	75.3	60.5
	4	1	243	100.0	117.3	92.6	92.2	80.7
	5	1	36	100.0	97.2	91.7	69.4	69.4
	8	1	23	100.0	95.7	95.7	91.3	313.0
	10	3	100	100.0	93.0	83.0	67.0	67.0
	11	3	58	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	96.6
	16	2	36	100.0	91.7	108.3	97.2	97.2
	19	1	27	100.0	88.9	77.8	44.4	51.9
	20	2	15	100.0	100.0	93.3	80.0	80.0
	21	1	23	100.0	95.7	95.7	78.3	78.3
	22	1	21	100.0	100.0	95.2	81.0	81.0
	23	1	27	100.0	133.3	129.6	118.5	122.2
	23*4	1	25	100.0	124.0	84.0	64.0	52.0

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		PERSISTENCE RATE (%)						
Dept.	Course	No. of Sections	Enroll. 3rd Week	3 rd Week	1 st Census	2 nd Census Week	20th Week	Received Gr. other than W
Theatre (Continued)	24	1	36	100.0	102.8	97.2	97.2	97.2
	24C2	5	14	100.0	35.7	100.0	57.1	50.0
	25	1	37	100.0	97.3	91.9	81.1	78.4
	29	1	22	100.0	100.0	77.3	63.6	63.6
	30	1	23	100.0	152.2	95.7	95.7	87.0
	33	2	40	100.0	95.0	100.0	97.5	95.0
	34	1	6	100.0	100.0	66.7	66.7	66.7
	43	4	77	100.0	98.7	100.0	98.7	96.1
	44	1	49	100.0	93.9	91.8	89.8	38.8
	45	1	37	100.0	110.8	97.3	67.6	70.3
	47	2	43	100.0	102.3	102.3	100.0	97.7
	59	1	11	100.0	90.9	63.6	63.6	63.6
	185	1	6	100.0	100.0	116.7	100.0	83.3
Total		43	1349	100.0	102.4	91.3	81.8	78.7
Transporta- tion	1	1	45	100.0	97.8	86.7	73.3	71.1
	3	1	49	100.0	100.0	91.8	81.6	77.6
	4	1	23	100.0	100.0	91.3	73.9	73.9
	6	1	50	100.0	100.0	90.0	88.0	84.0
	10	1	37	100.0	102.7	91.9	89.2	81.1
	385	1	28	100.0	100.0	100.0	96.4	85.7
Total		6	232	100.0	100.0	91.4	83.6	78.9
Vision Care Technology	1	1	9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	55.6
	10	1	9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	11	1	9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	12	1	10	100.0	100.0	90.0	90.0	90.0
	15	1	10	100.0	100.0	90.0	90.0	90.0
Total		5	47	100.0	100.0	95.7	95.7	87.2
Zoology	5	1	17	100.0	88.2	58.8	35.3	29.4
Total		1	17	100.0	88.2	58.8	35.3	29.4
GRAND TOTAL		1602	43902	100.0	97.1	84.5	73.6	61.3

TABLE 2 - LACC Persistence Rates for Day Classes, by Department
and Subject Field, Fall 1978.

PERSISTENCE RATE (%)								
Department	No. of Course	No. of Sections	Enrollment 3 rd Week	3 rd Week	1 st Census	2 nd Census	20th Week	Received Cr. other than W
AMERICAN CULTURES								
Afro-Amer St.	6	17	652	100.0	94.3	79.1	65.8	46.3
Asian-Amer St.	1	1	26	100.0	100.0	88.5	80.8	80.8
Chicano St.	5	6	182	100.0	96.2	82.4	64.8	50.5
Total	12	24	860	100.0	94.9	80.1	55.0	48.3
ART								
Art	30	44	913	100.0	98.9	78.5	68.9	58.1
Humanities	8	8	202	100.0	98.5	78.7	65.8	54.5
Total	38	52	1115	100.0	98.8	78.6	68.3	57.4
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION								
Accounting	9	20	714	100.0	103.4	85.7	61.9	53.9
Business	4	15	590	100.0	101.4	84.7	68.5	52.9
Bus. Data Proc.	9	13	362	100.0	113.0	87.0	72.7	47.5
Finance	1	1	32	100.0	100.0	100.0	108.1	43.8
Management	2	4	133	100.0	99.2	91.7	85.7	63.2
Marketing	4	5	141	100.0	101.4	93.6	75.9	58.2
Real Estate	3	5	109	100.0	115.6	86.2	78.9	59.6
Supervision	2	2	27	100.0	92.6	70.4	44.4	37.0
Total	34	65	2108	100.0	104.5	86.6	69.3	53.3
CHEMISTRY								
Chemistry	7	24	615	100.0	95.8	82.3	68.6	50.2
Total	7	24	615	100.0	95.8	82.3	68.6	50.2
COMPUTER & ELECT. TECH.								
Computer Tech.	6	9	273	100.0	96.7	93.4	75.8	72.9
Electronics	7	16	512	100.0	95.9	87.1	73.8	63.5
Total	13	25	785	100.0	96.2	89.3	74.5	66.8
COOPERATIVE EDUCATION								
Coop. Ed.	12	12	390	100.0	101.3	81.0	52.1	40.3
Total	12	12	390	100.0	101.3	81.0	52.1	40.3
DENTAL								
Dental Asst.	8	16	277	100.0	92.4	99.3	83.4	79.1
Dental Tech.	17	17	395	100.0	96.5	98.2	91.9	88.4
Total	25	33	672	100.0	94.8	98.7	88.4	84.5

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Department	No. of Course	No. of Sections	Enrollment 3 rd Week	3 rd Week	1 st Census	2 nd Census	20th Week	Received Gr. other than W
DEVELOPMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS								
Develop. Comm.	5	35	1144	100.0	94.8	92.5	83.6	65.6
Total	5	35	1144	100.0	94.8	92.5	83.6	65.6
EARTH SCIENCES								
Anthropology	3	14	381	100.0	102.4	92.9	81.4	60.9
Architecture	11	12	337	100.0	100.3	88.1	75.1	71.8
Earth Science	1	1	37	100.0	129.7	118.9	70.3	59.5
Environ. St.	3	4	99	100.0	118.2	91.9	68.7	51.5
Geography	3	9	224	100.0	100.4	87.1	68.3	56.3
Geology	3	4	81	100.0	104.9	88.9	74.1	60.5
Meteorology	1	1	18	100.0	105.6	66.7	50.0	44.4
Minerology	1	1	13	100.0	107.7	53.8	53.8	46.2
Oceanography	2	3	88	100.0	103.4	89.8	62.5	46.6
Total	28	49	1278	100.0	103.8	90.1	73.6	60.8
ENGINEERING AND IND. TECH.								
General Eng.	8	8	176	100.0	96.0	84.1	75.0	65.9
Industrial Arts	3	3	41	100.0	97.6	82.9	61.0	61.0
Mech. Eng.	1	1	23	100.0	100.0	87.0	73.9	56.5
Total	12	12	240	100.0	96.7	84.2	72.5	64.2
ENGLISH								
English	22	110	2976	100.0	94.7	86.7	73.1	58.2
Total	22	110	2976	100.0	94.7	86.7	73.1	58.2
FAMILY & CONS. STUDIES								
Child Dev.	6	13	607	100.0	99.2	83.4	75.0	66.6
Consumer St.	1	1	9	100.0	111.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Family and Consumer St.	17	24	687	100.0	100.1	87.6	75.5	63.8
Total	24	38	1303	100.0	99.8	85.7	75.4	65.3
FOREIGN LANGUAGE								
Chinese	1	2	57	100.0	98.2	86.0	70.2	70.2
French	6	10	216	100.0	103.2	73.1	62.5	54.2
German	4	4	60	100.0	98.3	80.0	65.0	61.7
Hebrew	4	4	47	100.0	97.9	80.9	76.6	59.6
Italian	4	4	43	100.0	100.0	88.4	58.1	51.2
Japanese	3	4	74	100.0	95.9	75.7	68.9	51.4

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FOREIGN LANGUAGE (Continued)								
Latin	2	2	38	100.0	97.4	55.3	44.7	28.9
Portugese	1	1	20	100.0	115.0	65.0	100.0	55.0
Russian	1	1	35	100.0	94.3	74.3	71.4	48.6
Spanish	7	14	473	100.0	100.6	76.3	64.3	49.0
Total	33	46	1063	100.0	100.4	76.0	65.1	52.0
LAW								
Admin. of Justice	12	13	413	100.0	98.8	87.7	75.1	69.0
Law	10	24	661	100.0	98.0	82.0	67.0	54.9
Total	22	37	1074	100.0	98.3	84.2	70.1	60.3
LIFE SCIENCES								
Allied Health	2	6	164	100.0	99.4	81.7	65.9	55.5
Anatomy	1	1	252	100.0	101.2	82.9	63.1	53.6
Biology	6	16	467	100.0	99.4	87.4	72.6	64.0
Microbiology	1	3	58	100.0	103.4	86.2	72.4	60.3
Physiology	1	6	113	100.0	106.2	85.8	60.2	43.4
Zoology	1	1	17	100.0	88.2	58.8	35.3	29.4
Total	12	33	1071	100.0	100.6	84.8	67.4	57.3
MATHEMATICS								
Mathematics	21	72	2187	100.0	97.2	81.8	64.1	53.5
Statistics	1	4	129	100.0	92.2	80.6	69.0	59.7
Total	22	76	2316	100.0	96.9	81.8	64.3	53.9
MEDIA ARTS								
Graphic Arts	1	1	22	100.0	100.0	81.8	63.6	59.1
Journalism	8	9	257	100.0	92.6	78.6	70.0	56.0
Photography	7	11	157	100.0	99.4	79.6	68.2	54.1
Public Relations	3	3	103	100.0	103.9	83.5	67.0	57.3
Total	19	24	539	100.0	97.0	80.0	68.6	55.8
MUSIC								
Music	53	100	3074	100.0	106.7	80.8	66.9	55.2
Total	53	100	3074	100.0	106.7	80.8	66.9	55.2
NURSING								
Nursing	25	91	990	100.0	17.0	17.2	90.6	85.7
Total	25	91	990	100.0	17.0	17.2	90.6	85.7

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY								
Occupational Therapy	6	6	143	100.0	95.1	95.1	86.7	83.2
Total	6	6	143	100.0	95.1	95.1	86.7	83.2
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION								
Office Administration	31	64	1804	100.0	92.7	77.9	70.0	55.5
Total	31	64	1804	100.0	92.7	77.9	70.0	55.5
OPHTHALMIC OPTICS								
Optics	5	6	120	100.0	99.2	96.7	95.0	90.0
Vision Care Technician	5	5	47	100.0	100.0	95.7	95.7	87.2
Total	10	11	167	100.0	99.4	96.4	95.2	89.2
PHILOSOPHY								
Philosophy	7	16	394	100.0	106.6	89.8	83.2	58.4
Total	7	16	394	100.0	106.6	89.8	83.2	58.4
PHYSICAL EDUCATION								
Health	4	26	1006	100.0	98.4	81.5	75.2	65.7
Phys. Educ.	46	219	6333	100.0	100.8	93.6	79.4	64.3
Recreation	5	5	105	100.0	94.3	76.2	70.5	64.8
Total	55	250	7444	100.0	100.4	91.7	78.7	64.5
PHYSICS								
Astronomy	2	4	128	100.0	101.6	88.3	74.2	60.9
Physical Sci.	1	1	31	100.0	103.2	90.3	74.2	51.6
Physics	7	14	260	100.0	98.1	79.6	63.8	58.1
Total	10	19	419	100.0	99.5	83.1	67.8	58.5
PSYCHOLOGY								
Personal Dev.	1	1	12	100.0	108.3	66.7	66.7	66.7
Psychology	22	77	2433	100.0	102.6	92.1	76.1	57.0
Total	23	78	2445	100.0	102.6	92.0	76.1	57.1
RADIO-TV-FILM								
Broadcasting	9	10	294	100.0	96.9	89.5	75.5	66.0
Cinema	11	13	407	100.0	109.8	83.8	70.5	49.1

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RADIO-TV-FILM (Continued)								
Television	9	11	329	100.0	98.2	85.4	63.5	61.7
Total	29	34	1030	100.0	102.4	85.9	69.7	58.0
RADIOLOGIC - TECHNOLOGY								
Nuclear Med.	4	4	62	100.0	100.0	98.4	98.4	96.8
Rad. Tech.	7	12	220	100.0	103.2	93.2	82.7	80.5
Total	11	16	282	100.0	102.5	94.3	86.2	84.0
SOCIAL SCIENCE								
Economics	2	8	281	100.0	101.8	83.3	71.5	52.0
History	7	47	1091	100.0	107.0	85.4	68.7	58.8
Political Science	3	22	562	100.0	101.6	84.5	71.2	63.9
Sociology	4	16	517	100.0	102.1	85.7	66.5	58.2
Total	16	93	2451	100.0	104.1	85.0	69.2	59.1
SPEECH								
Speech	10	51	1303	100.0	99.2	81.0	70.3	56.6
Total	10	51	1303	100.0	99.2	81.0	70.3	56.6
THEATRE								
Theatre	27	43	1349	100.0	102.4	91.3	81.8	78.7
Total	27	43	1349	100.0	102.4	91.3	81.8	78.7
TRANSPORTATION								
Transporta- tion	6	6	232	100.0	100.0	91.4	83.6	78.9
Total	6	6	232	100.0	100.0	91.4	83.6	78.9
NOT ASSIGNED TO DEPARTMENT								
Special Ed.	2	4	52	100.0	76.9	94.2	82.7	73.1
Lrng. Skills	17	25	668	100.0	41.3	70.4	92.2	97.0
Lib. Media	1	1	92	100.0	35.9	78.3	93.5	98.9
Total	20	30	812	100.0	43.0	72.8	91.7	95.7
GRAND TOTAL	679	1602	43902	100.0	97.1	84.5	73.6	61.3

(32 Departments,
90 Subject Fields)

TABLE 3 - Fall 1978 and Fall 1971 Day Persistence Rates, Ranked by Department
(% of 3 rd week enrollment receiving grades other than W)

1978 Rank	Department	3 rd Week Enrollment	Persistence Rate	1971 Rank	2 nd Week Enrollment	Persistence Rate	Change in Persistence Rate (F78-F71)
1	Optics	167	89.2	8	90	77.8	11.4
2	Dental	672	84.5	3	971	85.4	- 0.9
3	Nursing	693	84.4	1	468	89.1	- 4.7
4	Radiologic Tech.	282	84.0	7	416	77.8	6.2
5	Occup. Therapy	143	83.2	4	145	84.1	- 0.9
6	Transportation	232	78.9	2	231	87.9	- 9.0
7	Theatre	1359	78.7	18	1258	70.0	8.7
8	Comp. & Elec. Tech.	785	66.8	31	1115	59.2	7.6
9	Devel. Communications	1144	65.6	22	349	65.9	- 0.3
10	Family & Cons. Sci.	1303	65.3	10	950	75.7	-10.4
11	Physical Education	7414	64.5	5, 6, 11*	8652	80.7	-16.2
12	Engin. & Ind. Tech.	240	64.2	9, 19*	773	72.6	- 8.4
13	Earth Science	1278	60.8	16	2037	71.4	-10.6
14	Law	1073	60.3	15	1327	71.7	-11.4
15	Social Science	2453	59.1	27	5165	62.9	- 3.8
16	Physics	419	58.5	29	482	61.2	- 2.7
17	Philosophy	394	58.4	32	862	58.8	- 0.4
18	English	2976	58.2	30	3193	61.1	- 2.9
19	Radio, TV, Film	1030	58.0	24	1123	65.5	- 7.5
20	Art	1115	57.4	25	1638	64.3	- 6.9
21	Life Science	1180	57.3	14	1706	71.9	-14.6
22	Psychology	2450	57.1	13	2865	73.3	-16.2
23	Speech	1303	56.6	20	1593	67.6	-11.0
24	Media Arts	539	55.8	17	553	70.2	-14.4
25	Music	3072	55.2	21	2500	66.0	-10.8
26	Office Admin.	2240	54.2	23	1774	65.8	-11.6
27	Mathematics	2316	53.9	34	2602	54.8	- 0.9
28	Business Admin.	2108	53.3	28	2260	61.8	- 8.5
29	Foreign Language	1063	52.0	26	1679	64.3	-12.3
30	Chemistry	615	50.2	33	634	54.9	- 4.7
31	American Cultures	860	48.3	12	922	74.1	-25.8
32	Coop. Education	390	40.3	--	--	--	--
GRAND TOTAL		43902	61.1		50332	69.1	- 8.0

* 5: Women's Physical Education
 6: Men's Physical Education
 11: Health
 9: Architecture
 19: Engineering

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

This study examines persistence rates for Fall 1978 day classes.

Following are some observations on the findings:

- (1) Overall persistence rate from third week to final grades for all Fall 1978 day enrollments was 61.3%, or equivalently, 38.7% of the total number of students (43,902, including duplications) enrolled in day classes (679 courses, 1602 sections) as of the third week of the semester failed to complete the class with a grade other than W. Individual class drop-out rate ranged from zero to over 80%. It should be emphasized that figures in this study pertain to class enrollments and completions, not to numbers of students withdrawing from the college. Other studies indicate that the withdrawal (student leaving college) rate is less than half the class drop rate.
- (2) The Fall 1978 day class persistence rate of 60.3% is significantly below the corresponding figure of 69.1% for Fall 1971, when a similar study was made. Twenty eight of the thirty two department showed a lower persistence rate in 1978 than in 1971.
- (3) Highest persistence rates generally were shown in two-year occupational subject fields, especially those related to health.

Judgements as to value or effectiveness of courses as related to persistence rates are not made in this report and should not be inferred. For example, one would expect programs which enroll students with a high degree of selectivity to have above average persistence rates; conversely, department which permit reclassification in the early weeks of the semester may show rates deceptively low. Also, courses utilizing modular programming (e.g. Nursing and others) can be expected to show non-traditional variations in persistence patterns. In any case, it is suggested that all departments study the figures carefully with a view towards improvement of service to the students.

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